

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested in view of the following remarks. Claims 1 and 7-10 are currently pending in this application, of which claims 1, 7, and 10 are independent. In the Office Action dated May 3, 2005, the Examiner rejected claims 1 and 7-10 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Wang, U.S. Patent No. 6,775,885 (Wang et al.).

In response, Applicants submit that Wang et al. is fundamentally not prior art to the present application within the means of 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) and hereby request that the rejection be withdrawn. More specifically, the present application claims the right to foreign priority based on Patent Application No. JP Application No. 2002-30191, filed October 23, 2002, in Japan. The October 23, 2002, foreign priority date predates the earliest filing date of Wang et al., which is May 14, 2003. Accordingly and without regard to the content of Wang et al., Applicants submit that Wang et al. is not prior art to the present application and, therefore, may not be used to reject claims 1 and 7-10 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e).


In view of the foregoing remarks, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection of claims 1 and 7-10 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) be withdrawn.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our Deposit Account 06-0916.

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